THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Government is seized of the problem of infiltration, smuggling of arms and drugs etc. from across the Indo-Pak and Indo-Nepal borders. An assessment of such activities is made by the Government on a regular basis. Whenever instances of involvement of the locals and security personnel in smuggling of arms/drugs, infiltration etc. are detected, necessary action under Law is taken against such elements.

(b) Identification of vulnerable stretches/portions of the border areas by the security agencies is an on-going process and details of such areas cannot be disclosed due to security reasons.

(c) with a view to improve the effectiveness of the border guarding forces, the Government has already approved the augmentation of strength of these forces over a period of 5 years beginning 2000-2001.

Illegal travel to foreign countries

3227. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people travelling illegally to foreign countries from all the international airports in the country including Hyderabad;

(b) what steps Government have taken to curb such illegal travelling; and

(c) the number of vigilance officers appointed at various international airports in India to curb the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wireless message to Pakistan from Kargil by a mysterious lady

†3228. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a mysterious lady who has been transmitting wireless messages to Pakistan from Kargil for the last one year;

(b) if so, action taken by Government to check it; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.